

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 22-24 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 22 is amended. By this Amendment, no claims are added or cancelled. Claim 22 is the sole independent claim.

Because the amendments to claim 22 raise new issues requiring a further search and/or consideration, Applicants have filed this Amendment along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) to ensure its consideration. Any subsequent action other than a Notice of Allowance or Quayle Action should be Non-Final. However, in light of the remarks below, Applicants submit that this application is now in a condition for allowance.

Examiner Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for granting the personal interview conducted on March 8, 2010. In accordance with the discussion during the interview, Applicants have amended independent claim 22 to overcome the rejection to claims 22-24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Wang (U.S. 2005/0117649). The Examiner agreed that these amendments overcome the Wang reference. See Interview Summary dated March 15, 2010.

Also, Applicants submit that this application is now in a condition for allowance. For example, *none* of the cited references disclose or suggest “determining, by a decoder, a reference frame picture index in a reference picture list for the bi-predictive frame based on a display order” **and** “determining, by the decoder, a reference field picture for the current field macroblock from the reference picture list” as required by claim 22. In other words, there are two levels in claim 22 for determining a reference index – picture level *and* macroblock level. None of the cited

references illustrate these features. At most, the cited references illustrate a reference index for the picture level. In addition, none of the cited references disclose or suggest the *details* of determining a reference field picture. For instance, none of the cited references disclose or suggest “wherein the determining step determines a field having a same parity as the current field macroblock or a different parity from the current field macroblock as the reference field picture based upon reference picture index information, the reference frame picture index, and field parity of the current field macroblock” and “wherein if the reference picture index information is an odd index number, then the determined field has a field parity different from the current field macroblock” as required by independent claim 22.

As such, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance in the next USPTO communication.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of the pending claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

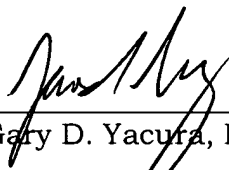
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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